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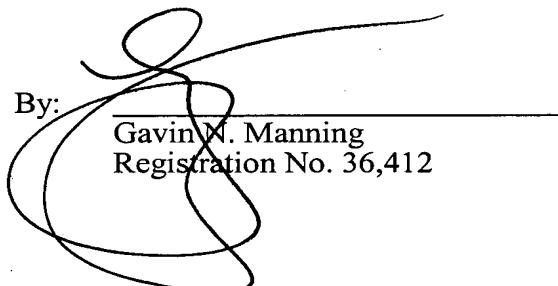
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**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
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Other Art

Examiner	ID	Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.
	OA: 1	Reyntjen et al. <i>The Nano-Pirani - Presumably the World's Smallest Pressure Sensor</i> , The 11th International Conference on Solid State Sensors and Actuators, Nunich Germany, June 10-14, 2001
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